

Claims.

1-8. (canceled)

9.(new) A fender support for a motor vehicle comprising a lower portion for fixing on at least one rigid part of the vehicle; an upper portion spaced apart from the lower portion and adapted to support a top edge of a fender having an outside face visible on an exterior of the vehicle and an inside face opposite the outside face; the support adapted to hold the top edge of the fender at a distance from the rigid part of the vehicle that is closest to the top edge; the support including a support sheet comprising support areas spaced apart from each other and each of which substantially conforms to the inside face of the fender near the top edge.

10.(new) The support of claim 9, wherein at least two adjacent support areas are separated by no greater than one-half a width of a human head.

11.(new) The support of claim 10, wherein the width of the human head is about 130 mm.

12.(new) The support of claim 9, wherein the top edge of the fender has a length and the support sheet is adapted to extend over the entire length.

13.(new) The support of claim 9, wherein a base supports the support areas and the base includes a deformable portion and a breakable portion.

14.(new) The support of claim 13, wherein the deformable and breakable portions form a single part having a staircase shape including rupture starters formed therein.

15.(new) The support of claim 9, wherein a groove extends the support areas and the groove is adapted to receive an inwardly-directed rim of a fender.

16.(new) The support of claim 15, wherein the groove includes fixing clips adapted to
secure the rim in the groove.